(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what were the prices of these items three months back?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) The rise in prices of onion, potato and garlic during 1986 has been because of lower production due to adverse weather conditions. The July, 1986 month-end, whole sale prices of onion, potato and garlic at selected markets are given in the statement attached.

Statement

July, 1986 Month end wholesale Prices of Onion, Potato and Garlic ruled at selected Markets

(Rs. per Quintal)

Commodity	Market	Month end price
		July, 1986
Onion	Delhi	85
	Calcutta	165
	Bombay	105
Potato	Delhi	240
	Calcutta	260
	Bombay	310
Garlic	Hyderabad	1450
	Jamnagar	1750

Dry land farming in Meghalaya

1172. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of AGRICUTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the states where modern methods of dry land farming have been implemented so far;

(b) whether such scheme was also launched in Meghalaya during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, the name of the scheme undertaken in Meghalaya during the Sixth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Development of dry land farming through modern methods, has been taken up by implementation of various state and Central sector schemes. The States covered are—Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharshtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pardesh and West Bengal.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

National Rural Employment Programme in Meghalaya

1173. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount sanctioned under the National Rural Employment Programme to Meghalaya during the current financial year;

(b) the number of persons benefited under the programme in Meghalaya till date;

(c) wheher any progress report about the implementation of the programm in Meghalaya has been received from the State Government; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Allocation of cash funds amounting to Rs. 35 lakhs has been made to Meghalaya as Central assistance under National Rural Employment Programme for the current year. Out of this an amount of, Rs. 21 lakhs was released as first instalement. In addition a quantity of 760 MTs. of rice valuing at Rs. 14.06 lakhs for payment of part of the wages of the workers has also been released to the State.

(b) As per the reports received from the State Government 1.95 lakh mandays of employment has been generated upto September, 1986 under the programme.

(c) Monthly and Quartely progress Report upto September, 1986 have been received.

(d) Details regarding the cash funds and foodgrains utilised, mandays generated and the assets created is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

I.	*Cash Funds utilisation (Rs. in lakhs)* :		
	(i) Wage component	24.11	
	(ii) Non-wage component	12.71	
II.	*Foodgrains utilisation*	28.11	Mts.
III.	*Employment Generation (Lakh mandays)*	1.95	
IV.	*Assets created*		
	(i) Irrigation bunds constructed (Nos.)	3	
	(ii) Irrigation Tanks constructed (No.)	1	
	(iii) Area benefitted through soil conservation and Land Reclamation (Hects.)	18.75	
	(iv) Drinking water wells constructed (No.)	1	
	(v) Road constructed (Kms.)	4.09	
	(vi) School Building constructed (Nos.)	17	
	(vii) Mahila Mandals Constructed (Nos.)	2	
	(viii) Community Halls constructed (Nos.)	9	
	(ix) Bridges constructed (Nos.)	5	
	(x) Play ground constructed (No.)	1	

Utility of Chinese strategy on food front in India

1174. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Governments attention has been drawn to an analysis of Chinese strategy on the food front as reported in the "Times of Inida' dated the 10th October, 1986 vis-a-vis Indian situation and if so, whether any of the policies of China is suitable in Indian conditions to ensure productivity and fullest exploitation of land?